



In Focus

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Message From The President

Like many of you, landscape photography both excites and frustrates me. We photographers are forever in pursuit of the expansive landscape shot, the grand vista, that epitomizes the beauty of nature and reminds us of why we love photography so much. No matter what photographic genre you specialize in, we will never turn down an opportunity for a nice landscape/nature shot. There's nothing more satisfying, especially when all of the elements seem to come together in perfect harmony. But also frustrating because most of the time it doesn't come together as hoped. Lost sleep chasing a promising sunrise that didn't happen; wasted gas for all of those "wild goose chases"; dreary days and bald skies on a tight vacation schedule... It seems like capturing a successful landscape shot involves equal parts of luck (because you can't control the weather) skill, perseverance and planning. Except for the weather, all the other factors are under your control.

anticipating the Can am Photo Expo on April 26-28 in Buffalo. The schedule has now been posted, check it out at www.canamexpo.com/schedule Ethan Meleg has joined the lineup under the Wildlife category. Keynote speakers will be Hanson Fong (Friday) and David Fitzsimmons (Saturday). Join us for a weekend of learning, hands-on workshops, trade shows, competitions, food and camaraderie!

The 2018-19 season has flown swiftly by. Mark you calendars for our End of Year Competition taking place on Monday, March 18. Choose your favourite images (print and/or digital) to submit. Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Awards Banquet at Betty's on Saturday, May 4th. And the 30th annual Rainbow Competition will be hosted this year by our sister club, Twin Cities of Tonawanda, NY on Tuesday, April 9. Let's plan to attend as Twin Cities extends their hospitality to us and always sets out a wonderful buffet meal for our enjoyment.

This summer we have the opportunity to display our print

work at the Niagara Falls, NY library on Main St. We will be looking for prints for this, of course. Prints displayed there in the months of July and August will be held over for our own Rosberg Room display at the Victoria Ave. Library for the month of September 2019.

Happy Shooting,

Karen Fulham

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Upcoming Programs

Monday March 18, 2019

End of the Year competition.

Please bring the trophies from last year so that the names of this years winners get engraved before the banquet!

We will be ordering pizza for our end of the year competition, so bring your appetite!

Outings

We have an exciting outing planned to Sherman Falls on Saturday March 23, 2019.

Please RSVP through the Facebook link provided.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/332526290939537/>

Awards Banquet

Our Annual Awards Banquet will take place at Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa.

It will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at 6pm.

Tickets are \$37.00 per person.

See Michelle for details!



CanAm Photo Expo

CanAm Photo Expo 2019

The CanAm Photo Expo is the annual convention for the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs. Along with print and digital image salons, the Expo features hands on workshops, seminars, outings and presentations by leading industry photographers.

This years Expo will be held April 26-28 at the Buffalo Grand Hotel in Buffalo, NY. Seminar topics range from portraiture, nature, and travel to night photography, weddings, photo-journalism and also include software topics such as Photoshop and Topaz plugins.

There is also a large trade show with many vendors offering substantial discounts on gear.

Featured Speakers:

Deb Sandidge

Deborah Sandidge is a professional photographer, and Nikon Ambassador, specializing in world travel and artistic imagery. Her passion and skill with creative techniques such as long exposure, time-lapse, and blue hour photography has earned the respect and admiration of both corporate clients and peers.

Jesús Ramirez

Jesús Ramirez is a digital graphics expert, speaker, and educator specializing in Adobe Photoshop. Jesús has over ten years of professional design experience and has worked with clients such as Adobe, Microsoft, Motorola, and Conde Nast.

Hazel Merideth

Hazel is involved with the photographic community on local, regional and national levels. She is a past Vice President on the board of the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC), secretary of the Connecticut Association of Photographers, and a member of the Greater Bridgeport Camera Club. She is also active in the Photographic Society of America (PSA).

Her photos have won many awards and competitions in both local club competitions and international salons and she has had several public showings of her work. In 2008 she received an honors distinction of Master Member of the New England Camera Club Council (MNEC) during its annual conference and in 2012 received the PSA Service Award. In September, 2013, she was awarded the distinction of APSA from the Photographic Society of America at their annual conference. At the NECCC Conference in July, 2018, she received the distinction of HonNEC.

Hanson Fong

Hanson Fong of San Francisco, California, is globally recognized as one of the premier portrait and wedding photographers. Hanson has earned the Photographic Degree of Master of Photography, Photographic Craftsman, recipient of the prestigious Gerhard Bakke award. Hanson is also a member of Canon's elite group of Explorers of Light.

Hanson's photographic experience and educational credentials are unsurpassed. He has recently become the 7th member in the history of Professional Photographers of America to earn over 1000 merits.

David Fitzsimmons

An award-winning free-lance photographer and writer. He photographs and writes for various magazines, including Outdoor Photographer, Professional Photographer, and Shutterbug. His 100+ calendar credits include numerous titles by BrownTrout and Barnes & Noble.

Mark Bowie

Mark Bowie is a professional nature photographer, writer, teacher, and much sought-after public speaker. He's a staff instructor for the Adirondack Photography Institute, a specialist on night photography, and he leads photography workshops and seminars for camera clubs.

Rick Friedman

Rick Friedman has been a photojournalist for over three decades. Based in Boston, he travels the world for numerous publications, corporations, advertising assignments and film and television productions. His published work has appeared in Time, Newsweek, The New York Times, Nature, USA Today, The Guardian, Der Spiegel, Stern, Discover and many other publications. He has produced over 75 book and magazine covers and worked on 18 movies.

Plus others!

Tickets start at \$90 US but the best rate is for the full weekend pass which is \$189 (\$174 for club members, be sure to select NFRCC Affiliate from the drop down). The hotel is offering discounts on hotel rooms as well but for those not wishing to stay over, it is only a short 35 minute drive from the Victoria Avenue Library to the hotel. Getting to the hotel is very easy.

More information is available at <http://www.CanAmPhotoExpo.com>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask some of our members who have been many times, Scott Simons, Chris Empey, Karen Fulham, Lorraine Pichette, Larry and Nora Mathewson.